



FLORAL STREET SCHOOL

March Preview

www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/schools/Floral



Dear Floral Families,

- First we'd like to congratulate the PTO for two very fun grade level family nights! We both enjoyed the first grade Mardi Gras celebration and the second grade Beach Ball Survivor party. It was wonderful to see students and their families dancing together and having a great time. **Thank you to all of the PTO volunteers** who have made these happen. We are looking forward to the other grades' events—it seems as if a new Floral tradition may have begun! It is also important that we thank all of you for the tremendous fundraising support that we've received from you through the PTO. We have been able to fund many excellent enrichment programs, purchase much-needed books and instructional materials, and improve our building and grounds. A more detailed list of PTO funded items will be provided in the spring newsletter.

- We're sure that many of you have been following the news about two important district-wide issues. Discussions concerning **the opening of the Oak Middle School** next year are ongoing. The planning for what will be done if the building is not delivered on time is ongoing. **An important public forum will be held at Shrewsbury High School on Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m.** Members of the district administration and the Coordinating Council will discuss the various contingency plans, seek input, and answer questions. If you would like an update on this issue, please see the "Grade Reconfiguration Status" report on the Shrewsbury Public Schools homepage at www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/schools. Those of you who follow the newspapers know that town governmental boards are in the midst of discussing next year's budget and its impact on taxes, school programming, etc. We hope you stay informed on this issue, and we direct you again to the Shrewsbury Public Schools website to view detailed information regarding the school department's budget (also available at the School Department office and at the Public Library). Also, please read the letter from Dr. Bent that is also being sent home today in the communication folder.

- Information on the parent conference day that is taking place on March 24 is also coming home today. Every family should receive a note from the teacher letting you know whether a conference is being requested, and there is a separate letter from us in today's folder providing more details about this second parent conference day. You will also be able to access this letter on the Floral website at www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/schools/floral. Please don't hesitate to contact us with questions.

~ Joe Sawyer & Jane Lizotte

Important Dates:

- Report cards will be sent home with students on Monday, March 22.
- No school for students on Wednesday, March 24 due to parent conferences. **A district-wide workshop on effective parent conferencing** will be held at Beal on Monday, March 8 at 7:00.
- Grade 3 MCAS testing will begin March 22 and continue throughout that week.
- A workshop on **Internet safety and search strategies** will be held on Monday, March 29 at Shrewsbury High School at 7:00 p.m.

Please see the back for the March calendar.

Floral Street School - Important Dates in March

| | |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| March 2 | Community Reading Day |
| March 4 | Special Education Parent Council presentation on Ritalin @ 6:30 in the Floral cafeteria |
| March 12 | No School – Professional Development Day |
| March 15 | Parent Workshop – Bullying and Teasing Floral Street School @ 7:00 (snow day, Wednesday, March 17) |
| March 19 | Grade 5 Family Night at Floral Street School |
| March 20 | Grade 3 Family Day at Floral Street School |
| March 22-26 | Grade 3 MCAS |
| March 24 | No School-Parent Conference Day (Please see important notices in today's Communication Folder regarding this subject) |
| March 26 | Grade 4 Family Night |
| March 27 | Floral Street School Hoop Shoot |
| March 30 | Grade 4 MCAS |

• **MCAS testing** will take place during the following weeks in 2004. Please avoid planning travel and/or appointments that will affect attendance during these times.

Grade 4: May 17-28

Grade 5: May 17-28